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Talent turns natural beauty into practical art

By GLORIA TROTTER

A grandfather's quiet walk in the woods with his grandsons to enjoy the beauty of Mother Earth inspired a tribal member to a new hobby which has brought joy to many in recent years.

Red Barnes, a Citizen Band Potawatomi who lives in southern Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, with his wife Celeste, says that walk in the woods near his home was the beginning of his work on the beautiful walking sticks which have become increasingly in demand in recent years.

"The boys needed a 4-H project," Barnes explained, "and I saw an old piece of blackjack oak on the ground and thought it would make a good walking stick." That was the first one, and now there are Barnes walking sticks — all unique — in Oregon, Texas, California, Kansas and Missouri as well as Oklahoma.

"The boys helped with the first one," he said. "After that, I made a few more and gave them to people in nursing homes." Barnes is a Church of Christ minister at the Avoca Church of Christ. That ministry is done without pay, on a volunteer basis, according to

the beliefs of his church. "We are all ministers," he explained. "It goes back to the Parable of the Talents — you'd better use them and not hide them."

And use them he does. While ministering to people in nursing homes, he frequently sees someone who needs a good walking stick — so he makes them one. And he doesn't make it overnight. The process is painstaking, involving days and even weeks from start to finish.

"I go into the woods and prowl around," he said in describing how the process begins. "That's nothing more than enjoyment." But while he's enjoying the woods, he's looking for likely sticks, especially hickory or blackjack oak. "They don't split," he explains. The sticks are taken back to his garage, where they dry for a few days. Then Barnes strips the bark off, by hand with a pocketknife.

In the meantime, he's been working on handles. Seldom can he find a stick that is both straight enough for a walking stick and has the proper "crook" for a handle. So he finds and finishes handles separately, drilling a hole in the handle to

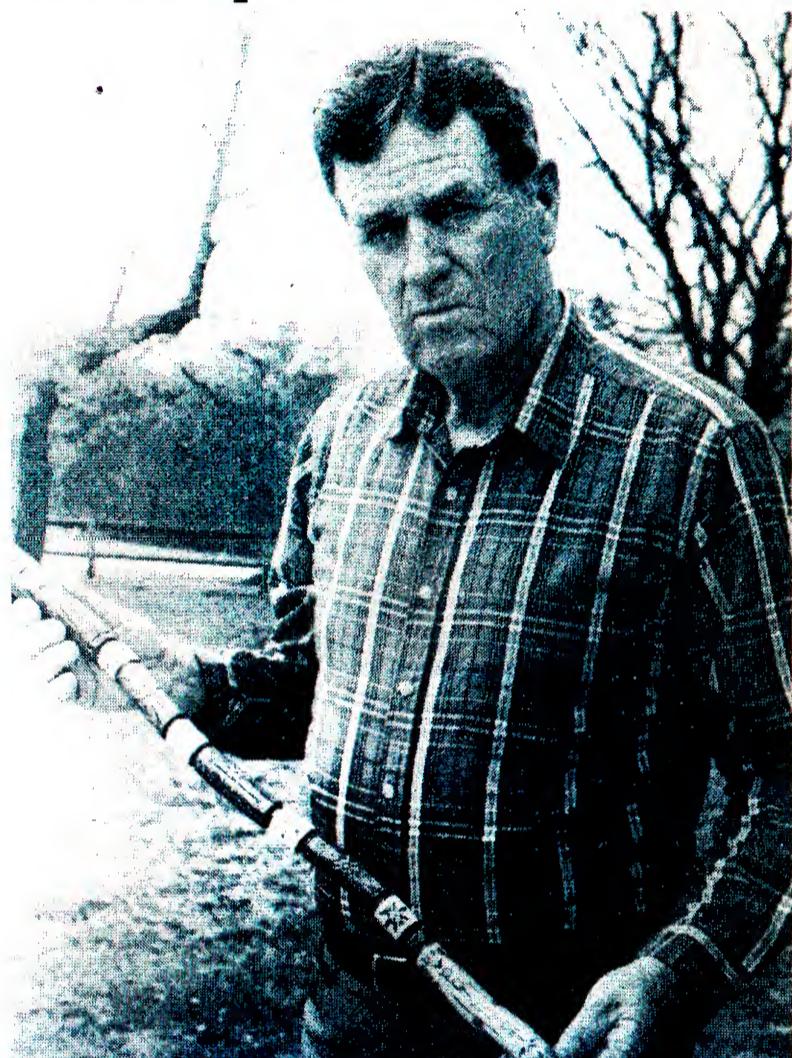
attach it to the stick and adding some wood glue for good measure. Then the hard part — the artistic part — begins as Barnes begins to burn in a design with his woodburning tool.

He uses no patterns; the designs come from his head as he works. "Sometimes I'll see an Indian design on some material, or at the (Potawatomi) museum gift shop," he said. And sometimes his idea doesn't work out to suit him, and he sands it off and starts over. Once he's happy with the design, he may brighten it up with enamel paint. When that's finished, he stains it and applies several coats of polyurethane to seal it. By that time, he has at least a month invested in each walking stick.

Although Barnes at first gave away all his masterpieces, some of them are now available for purchase through the museum gift shop. They sell for \$60-80, and appeal to all ages, he said. "Young people buy them for conversation pieces," Barnes noted, "but mostly older people want them."

A personal favorite is one he made for his grandson Chad,

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Red Barnes with completed walking stick



Program Director Joyce Abel Watches As Program Coordinator Elizabeth Meyers-Bartos, Seated Left, And Field Coordinator Thelma Campbell, Seated Right, Review Program Outlines

New tribal program targets first time, 'at risk' mothers

A new program aimed at combating substance abuse by Native American first-time and "at risk" mothers is underway through the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe Health Services.

The staff of the new program, including three parent educators, a field coordinator, a program coordinator and program director Joyce Abel, RN, held orientation recently and began accepting applications. At least 12 families will be served through the one-year program, which also includes a one-year follow-up.

Called a "Parent Education/ Home Visitation Program," the new service will focus on the pre-

vention of substance abuse which often leads to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the related issues of child abuse, family violence, drug addiction and AIDS. "Educational intervention" during the first trimester of pregnancy will discourage the use of drugs or alcohol by the mother during and after pregnancy as well as teach baby care, good nutrition and other parenting skills.

The program is the first in the state, Abel said. It will include weekly home visits by the parent educators, Debra Birney, Linda Day and Therese Miner. Birney and Miner are Oklahoma Baptist University nursing students, and Day

is a medical administration/ clinical student at a vo-tech. Field coordinator Thelma Campbell, RN, will meet with the parent educators weekly and the clients when needed, and program coordinator Elizabeth Meyers-Bartos, RN, who is currently working on a master's in the University of Oklahoma family nurse practitioner program, will supervise the entire staff.

Five different evaluation tools will be used to gauge the results of the program, Abel said. She is hopeful that most of the participants will also be part of the Women, Infants and Children

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Tribal scholarship recipients listed for spring semester

The following students were awarded tribal scholarship for the spring semester:

Jill Michelle Paris, Seminole Junior College
 Phillip D. Northcross, Sr., Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech
 Kevin Matthew Pasion, Bethel College & Seminary
 Melanie Ann Cole, Tulsa Junior College
 Doris Lea Aranda, Pueblo Community College
 Kandace Comeaux, Rose State College
 Stephen J. Levier, Manhattan Technical Center
 Diana Sue Parks, Wichita State University
 Dennis Wayne McCarty, Wright State University
 Deborah Reinhardt, Texas Wesleyan University
 William Ray Shaw-Dah, Tulsa Welding School
 Deborah DeLonais-Fallis, East Central University
 Kathryn DeLonias Price, University of Oklahoma
 John D. Baker, University of Central Oklahoma
 Robert Gene Rhodd, Southwestern College
 Jason Robert Kilby, Western Oregon State College
 Theresa Sue Nichols, Kansas City Kansas Community College
 Kathijo Renea Caballero, Mesa Community College
 Donal Ray Williams, Indiana University
 Glenn A. Smith, Oklahoma State University Tech.
 Judy Jones, Rue Educational Publishers, Inc.
 Mickie Jean Upton, Oklahoma City Community College
 Mary Clarice Melot, East Central University
 Vera Ellen Grider, Longview Community College
 Linda L. Nelson, Washburn University
 Loretta May Oden, Sterling College
 Richard Scott Walker, Baylor University School of Law
 Loretta A. Storm, Penn Valley Community College
 Francis M. Garrison, Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech
 Jama D. Cloke-Kansas City Kansas Community College
 Tina Gae Bourass, Albuquerque TVI
 Connie Sue Herron, Oklahoma Baptist University
 Suzette M. DeBoard, Kent State University
 Darrell D. Heck, Jr., OU Heath & Science Center
 Donna K. Ford, University of Central Oklahoma
 Thomas Michael Renyer, OU College of Law
 Karen D. Whittington, Collin County Community College
 Patrice M. Crowley, Pensacola Junior College
 Karol Jean Feldhake, American Indian Bible College
 Marilyn Joy Hopper, East Central University
 Chance Wayne Patterson, Northeastern State University
 John Ross Greenwalt, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary



Success Story

Citizen Band Potawatomi Title VI Program Director Lynda Poe, center, was recently presented with an honorable mention participant award from the National Indian and Native American Employment Training Conference. Tribal JTPA director Norman Kiker, right, presented the award and explained it was for those who have gone on to successful careers after starting in a JTPA program. Poe started with the JTPA program in 1988 and now heads the senior citizens' nutrition program for the tribe. Pictured at left is Carol Clay, who works with JTPA's adult vocational program.

New regional rep named

Philonese Williams has been named new tribal Southwestern regional representative, Tribal Administrator Bob Davis announced recently, replacing Gail Halterman.

Davis said Halterman resigned to go back to school.

Williams was born June 25, 1921, in Valparaiso, Indiana. Her mother was Willianette Frigon Whistler and her grandfather was

Hilary Frigon, who married Margaret Bourassas. When she was two years old, they moved to Oklahoma where Williams grew up in Drumwright. When World War II broke out, they moved to California.

She had six daughters, Suzanne, Janice, Elizabeth, Philonese, Marci and Tamara. All are grown with their own families, accounting for 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Williams lives with her youngest daughter Tamara and moved to Arizona with her family several months ago.

Williams lives at 19031 N. 13th Place, Phoenix, Arizona 85024. Her local telephone number is (602) 780-2301. Her toll-free number is 1-800-452-8966.

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Holiday Inn, Hwy. I-40 and Hwy. 18 (405) 274-4404
Motel 6, 4981 N. Harrison (405) 275-5310
Rodeway Inn, 12510 Valley View Rd. (5 miles East on I-40-Exit 192) (405) 275-1005
Super 8 Motel, 4900 N. Harrison (405) 275-0089



Parent-Educators Linda Day, Debra Birney, Therese Miner Look Over Program Materials

Similar programs help stem child abuse

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(WIC) program so they can "do a five-year follow-up." She pointed out that the program will also utilize the other resources of the tribe's health services, including a sub-

stance abuse counselor and others.

"Other states with programs like this say the child abuse rate drops dramatically," Abel said.

The program's primary focus will be Citizen Band Potawatomi families, but it is open to other

Native American families, she said. The project is funded by a federal grant through the Indian Health Service. For more information, call tribal health services at 273-5236 and ask for Abel, Campbell or Meyers-Bartos.

TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 25, 1994. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 1994. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as election of the Tribal Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, will also be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

The filing period for candidates in the 1994 election is March 28, 29 and 30 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



Pint-Sized Queen

Three-year-old Mysti McGirt, the 1993-94 Midwestern Miss Beauty Queen, Cover Queen and Talent Queen, will crown her successor April 24 in Oklahoma City. When Mysti captured the Cover Queen title, she won a 5-foot trophy, pink and crystal Crown, banner, robe and a Barbie Jeep. Last November Mysti competed in the Elegant Miss competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She won 1st runner up title in Beauty and Queen title in the Western Wear attire. Mysti enjoys pageant competition and crowning new queens and handing out trophies. She loves meeting new friends and getting gifts at preliminary pageants. Mysti is the daughter of Doug and LaHoma McGirt and granddaughter of tribal member George McGirt.

Walking On ...

Elizabeth Blakely of Colorado Springs, Colorado died December 2, 1993, at the age of 71 and was buried in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Her parents, D.C. and Muriel Denison Jenks of Purcell, Oklahoma, preceded her in death.

She married E.H. (Chick) Blakely on May 1, 1943 in Yukon, Oklahoma and he still resides in their home. She is survived by four children: E. Christine Pauley (husband Larry) of Early, Iowa; Everett Blakely (wife Rosemary), Evelyn Blakely, Elaine Chew (husband John) of Des Moines, Iowa; Helena Hanson (husband Nick and son Mason) of Nemaha, Iowa; Will Pauley (daughter Stephanie) of Cherokee, Iowa; Tanya (husband Matt) Michener of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Caly and Dakota Chew of Colorado Springs, Colorado. She also had four step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren, and a soon-to-be step-great-great-grandchild.

One brother, George Jenks (wife Zoya) of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania survives her as do her nephews Darrell (2 children), Mark, and Andrew.

Elizabeth was active in Rebekah Lodge #89, Glen Eyrie Eastern Star, and Phoenix Encampment #28 L.E.A. She was proud of her Potawatomi heritage and passed that pride on to her children.

She graduated from a business college in Oklahoma City when many women did not continue schooling; she held various jobs throughout her life time from teaching ballroom dancing to working at the Garden of the Gods Club.



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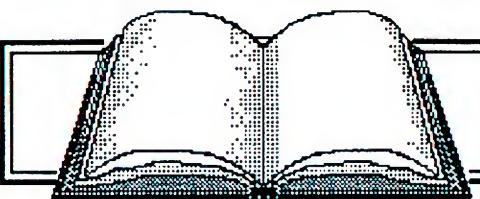
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For the record...

Special Business Committee Meeting December 7, 1993

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Tribal Attorney General David McCullough, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Motley moved to approve the minutes of the November 30, 1993 Business Committee meeting; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee recessed at 6:05 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to authorize Attorney General David McCullough to draft legislation establishing a tort limitation in Potawatomi Tribal Courts; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to authorize David McCullough to notify the law enforcement officials of the City of Shawnee, City of Tecumseh and Pottawatomie County the ramifications of *Buzzard vs. the Oklahoma Tax Commission* denied 10th Circuit within the last month, was determined that Indian Country is not constituted by tribal land not held in trust owned by a tribe, that therefore, the smoke shops operating in Tecumseh and Shawnee on tribally owned land are operating illegally; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #94-31 authorizing submission of a Special Tribal Courts Grant application in Fiscal Year 1994; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #94-32 enrolling 18 descendants applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting; Bob Davis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from its readers, especially letters to the editor and news of achievements of tribal members. Please mail your submission to Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters. Deadline is the 10th of the month.

New Citizen Band Potawatomi enrollees

The following persons were voted into enrollment January 31, 1994.

The following nine were eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines:

Steve Allen Wainscott
Carmen Denise Nadeau
Lenora Mae Rutledge
Russell Wayne Frizzell
Anita Carleen Huth
Patricia Renee Oeltjen
Melody Kay Spease
Clark Richard McCauley, Jr.
Kim Denice Trader

The following were eligible for enrollment under descendants:

Philip Wesley Moyer
Christian Hollis Hillabrant
Harlan Lowell Cook
Christopher Nadeau Cook
Catherine Marie Cook
Mallory Paige Twietmeyer
Donald Kirk Fry
Miranda Ann Campbell
Jammie Lynn Kennedy
Brandon Lloyd Kennedy
William Francis Reed
Kerri Rae Blackburn Anderson
Leslie Marie Francis
Darren Miles Benigno
Deanna Marie Castaneda
Lisa Ann Castaneda
JoAnna Francis Castaneda
Christopher Allen McCracken
Kimberly Ann McCracken
Kyle Ray McCracken
Crystal Michele Belcher
Serena Rose Hoogland
Jeremiah David Taylor
Shawnie Allison Haynes
Jessica Victoria Lee
Christopher James Klecka
Kelly Suzanne Klecka

Sassy Cooke
Daryl Weaver
Marissa Navarre Christenson
Shari Jean Wittenborn Elwell
Mark Earl Elwell, Jr.

Blake Isaac Elwell

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Cherlynn Ruth Hill

Tasi Quitugua Peddicord

Jon Quitugua Peddicord

Charles Leon Tyszkiewicz

Earnest Eugene Ables, Jr.

Kurt Allen Shockey

Brett William Shockey

George Frank Carganilla

Paul Michael Carganilla

Debra Yvonne Copeland Motley

Tamra JoAnn Slavin

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Dawn Renee Slavin

Preston John Stovall

David Jess Stovall

Penelope Weaver

Jessica Rose Hale

Nathan Ray Hale

Tamara Renee' Hale

Deborah Ann Austin Arterberry

Timothy Mitchell Allen

Deborah Elayne Goad

Breana Marie Goad

Summer Chanel Mull

Michael Keith Curtis

Richard Keith Curtis, Jr.

Heather Louise Rohrmann

Jackie Sue Slavin Foley

Kayla Marie Foley

Kourtney Renee Foley

Christopher Lane Hoover

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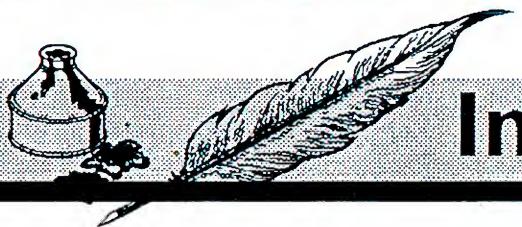
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Jordan Shinho Anglin

Vanessa Kathleen Bishop

Cody William Bishop

Theresa Louise Tipton
Rachel Ellen Potter
Pamela Dawn Copeland Holley
Zachary Trevor Holley
Taron Ashley Holley
Samuel Kenneth Hughay
Timothy Eugene McGregor
Andy Christopher Noel
Emily Jade Schmidkofler
David Wayne Burgett
Breanna Leigh Burgett
Jennifer Lea Flanagan
Brian Christopher Degner
Robin Renee' Burnett
Joseph Kyle Burnett
Cody Saxon Melot
Erika Lynn Lipinski
Katherine Marie Hull
Ciara Rachelle Kuestersteffen
Jessica Ezra Stephens
Danielle Lee Navarre
Cassandra Flores Martin
Timothy Lee Glass
Rhonda Marie Glass
Kevin Len Fields
John Cowan Barrie, Jr.
Ryan Thomas Barrie
Kyle Christopher Warren
Emily Louise Warren
Marina Kya Barrie
Austin Charles Johnson
Ellen Ashley Rose
Katie Anne Rose
Delannia Jean Reed
Stormi Raydon Reed
Joseph Michael Reed
Virginia Lynanne Reed
Michael David Brown
Cameron Michael Matlock
Sarah Elizabeth Croy
Rebecca Marie Croy
Erica Nicole Pappan
Brandi Lynn Burnette
Samuel Wyatt McNeal



In your opinion...

Information sought on mission gardens

To The Editor:

What do you know about Sacred Heart Mission's formal gardens — the first in Indian Territory?

Do you have any photographs of the formal gardens? Any written descriptions in old family papers or letters? Do you know which plants were used or how they were obtained? Sacred Heart's formal gardens once had a profusion of flower beds and flowering shrubs arranged along "rose-arboured walks." There were flowering vines, benches, fences, ornamental wrought iron decorative elements, and statuary. The Benedictine cemetery also had flower beds, and trees formally aligned in rows occurred in several places on the site.

Please look at your old photos

closely; some of these garden elements may be found only in the background of your picture instead of as its main subject. Even a photo's background scenery can provide valuable clues to the location or content of the now-vanished formal gardens.

Do you have an old site map, perhaps sketched by a former student? What do you know about the "landscape gardener" (possibly Fr. Elias Fink) who designed these gardens? Did Indian influences help shape this landscape? Do you know anything about Sacred Heart Mission's architect (Lewis Sheider) or his original site plans and drawings?

To help document and interpret these historic gardens, the National Endowment for the Arts has awarded a Design Arts Research and Documentation grant to JoAnne Vervinck, a

partner in the landscape architectural firm of Great Plains Design in Oklahoma City. If you can shed ANY light on the past; if you have ANY information to share or old photographs to show JoAnne, please call her at (405) 943-9018.

Let's unveil one of Oklahoma's best-kept secrets: the beautiful formal gardens of Sacred Heart Mission.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Vervinck
3340 NW 19th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73107-3828
Phone & FAX 943-9018

Reader complains about HowNiKan

Dear Editor:

I have held my tongue too long, I have been receiving the HowNiKan for several years now and have some questions I

have not seen addressed in the paper.

1. Am I the only person who has noticed the excessive typos liberally strewn from front to back? It almost seems as if there is not proofreader! I am not sure that a high number of misspellings and typos sets up a very good example of the Potawatomi people.

2. I don't understand the "Statement of Condition" as outlined in the paper. I find it odd that it doesn't seem as if the properties and businesses are turning a profit ...

3. In reading the paper over the years, I have come away with the impression that all the Potawatomi people are interested in bingo, gambling, casinos (etc.), tax-free cigarettes, elections, elections....

There aren't many articles passing down any old wisdoms or beliefs. I found 2 articles interesting. One was how to make moccasins (with patterns). One was "authentic" recipes — several containing Karo Syrup!

The moccasin article was good, but the recipes couldn't possibly have worked, as they lack even basic liquid ingredients.

In short, I find the focus on money and subsidies and casinos disheartening. As a Potawatomi Indian, I know that this focus does not represent me. The HowNiKan seems more like a political newspaper, and the recent elections as covered in the paper did nothing to alleviate my feelings that the leaders are nothing more than politicians, and dishonest ones at that.

I can see, at this point, no difference between Indian philosophies and morals, and the white everyday style of materialistic living.

Would it be possible to have more clear accounting of why all our (Potawatomi owned) businesses within the tribe are showing no profit, or when it is projected that they will? I can't be the only person thinking this.

Sincerely,
Colleen DeKonin
California

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Arena Director	Leonard Cozad Jr.-Oklahoma City, Okla.
Arena Director	Cletus Gayton-Carnegie, Okla.
Arena Director	Freddie Banderas-Apache, Okla.
Arena Director	Forney Beaver-Lawton, Okla.
Arena Director	Mike Rivera-Lawton, Okla.
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Winners in the younger division of the Sack Race are left to right: 1st - Kyle Yanke with mom Tamara; 2nd - Ashleigh Halterman and mom Gail and Josie Schmidt and mom Maureen Prince.



Maureen Christensen and husband Charles are pictured with Chaplain Norman Kiker.



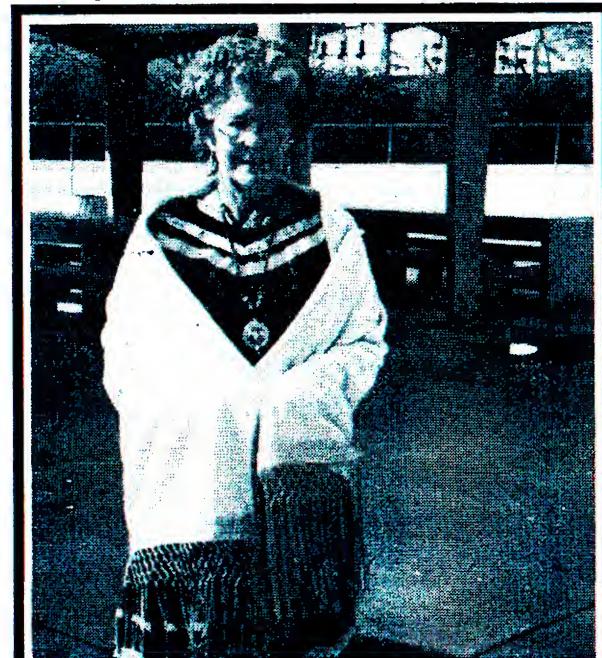
Esther Lowden takes the gift shop to the Regional meeting.



Paul Broxerman and son, Aaron from Peoria, AZ. Paul is a descendent of the Willmett family.



Tribal member (left) Dorothy (Melott) Kasprowick of Sun City, AZ. with friends Pat Belarde and son Frank from Anchorage, AL.



Lenora Gordon of Kingman, AZ wears a shawl presented to her by cousin Gracie Merrfield.

REGIONAL MEETING

Jan. 22, 1994



Tribal Administrator Bob Davis with tribal member Linda Harris of Apache Junction, AZ. Linda is a proud new graduate from University of Phoenix with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.



Chairman Barrett poses with our "wisest" member attending the Phoenix Regional - Philonese Williams, 72 years old.



The youngest tribal member present was Trevor Yanke, 13 mo. held by grandmother Williams. He is the son of Tamara and Mark Yanke.



Marci Hauer (right) traveled the longest distance from San Diego, CA. She is with her mother, Philonese Williams and sister Tamara Yanke.



"The race is on". Sack races for the children were a special event. The contestants are (left to right) Jared, Cassy and Aaron Broxterman (1st place winner) and John Ransom.



Left to right: Dale Lederer, with his mother, Sandara Lederer, sister Lynn Graft and her husband, John Graft, all of Phoenix, AZ.

Photos
by
Linda Capps

"Grandfather tell us a story"



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DENVER

Brr! This morning I awoke to a temperature of 4 degrees. Fortunately we didn't have any wind chill factor and I managed to stay warm and cozy. However, after watching the news I can't help but think how lucky I really am. My heart goes out to those poor people in Southern California and all that they have been through these past few months. First the horrendous fires and damage that resulted, then being jolted awake with that devastating earthquake, and now the mudslides that just seem to be heaping one problem on top of another. Then I see how the poor people to the East of me are freezing and digging out from the mountains of snow and ice that they are experiencing.

Sometimes it takes a disaster such as these to make us sit back and see just how grateful we should be for the everyday things that we take for granted. Here in Denver we have had a relatively mild winter, and if you aren't aware of it, the saying here is that if you don't like the weather, don't worry about it, it will change dramatically within 24 hours, so tomorrow we are predicted to get back up into the 50's.

I am sure that some of our Potawatomi brothers and sisters have been affected by all of these disasters that have occurred recently and I just want to extend my heartfelt sympathies to those that have lost so much.

Things have been a little busier here at the office this month and I am hearing from more of our members. Some of the phone calls are fun like the one yesterday where I got to help someone name her new horse. I think that is quite an honor that so many people are now looking for authentic Indian words to use as names. However, some of the calls are not so much fun as here in the Denver area we don't have access to the facilities that some of our other offices have. One lady almost called me a liar when I told her that the nearest BIA office was in Albuquerque. She kept insisting that there was one in Denver. I told her fine, when she found the number let me know. (I haven't heard any more from her.)

Also, we do not have the health facilities available that other states do. I really upset a lot of people who have moved here from other states when I have to tell them that the nearest clinics are either in Wyoming, the Ute Reservation in the Four Corners area, or on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. I often wish that there were more that I could do, but until we get the government to honor their promises, unfortunately, we are out of luck.

On a positive note, I sure hope that you have marked your calendars for the Denver March Pow-Wow. Again, the dates are March 18, 19, and 20, at the Denver Coliseum which is located at Brighton Road and I-70, real easy to find. I will be there and hope to see a lot of you there as well. I will be wearing my bright red Potawatomi sweatshirt, so be sure and stop me and say hello. I also had a call from someone inquiring about the dates for our Shawnee Pow Wow so she could arrange for her vacation time off. It certainly is not too early to start making your plans for that, so remember — June 24, 25, and 26. I hope to see some of you in Shawnee.

I also want to let you know that I have the forms for your Request for Absentee Ballot. We have one printed in the HowNiKan, but some of you may not want to cut your paper up; also there may be more than one in your household that wants to vote. Call me and I will be glad to send however many you need. As always, this is an important election and I think that the least we can do is support the candidates of our choice and show our appreciation for the time and effort they put forth in our behalf, (without monetary compensation). I know that the only reward they want for their services is to know that they have the support of the members which can be shown by taking time to vote.

As I finish this I just want to leave you with this statement that I found in our local paper from Sioux author Vine Deloria Jr., who tells of an anthropologist who asked an "Indian" what his people called America before the white man came. His response, simply, was "Ours."

Norma Whitley

PASADENA

Bourzho from Pasadena!

On the gusty evening of January 16th, I walked into the San Gabriel Mountains. I was just settling into my cabin when I heard people approaching on the trail. Three USC students had hiked through a bear haze as far as my place and were determined to go up the stream bed another two hours in the dark. Said they had some friends already up there killing brewskis at an old mine site, and that they were bringing in reinforcements. (To a college student, this is a heroic task, and these particular students were not about to be deterred by something as mundane as mere personal safety.) I noted that the trio had one scrawny flashlight between them and it was flickering a little

Well, I know the trail, and I knew for a lead pipe cinch that when one of them broke a leg (or worse), they'd be pounding on my door and the real hard work would begin. I decided that it would be better to escort them up the canyon. I stuffed a down mummy bag and a therma-rest mattress into my pack, grabbed a big flashlight, and off we went.

At about midnight, we had managed to maneuver our way up, over, and around dozens of huge river boulders as the canyon got slimmer and slimmer. Near the top, the stream had given out and there were sheer rock gorges only feet apart at the stream bed. It was up here at about 4,000 feet that we located the others.

After a little warm-up at the fire and a now lukewarm beer, I headed off into the night, stating my destination as the cabin. As I descended into the stream bed again, I realized that it was after midnight and I was really tired. I decided to rest until first light, then continue on with the added advantage of being able to see.

After a thorough scan with my flashlight, I found what I thought was an ideal place to bed down — a dry sand spit nest to the sheer granite of the canyon wall. I unrolled my mattress and bag and turned in. And it was there, at 4:30 a.m., that I was dozing peacefully, my ear and bare Mother Earth separated by only an inch or so. It was her thunder that woke me.

I was hit a glancing blow in the thigh by a grapefruit-size rock that had fallen from the cliff face as it began to collapse above me. Another stone was right behind it and clipped my shin. I leaped to my feet and realized that I was trapped in the mummy bag with my sneakers on. I had no chance of extracting myself from it in under thirty seconds. As rocks fell from above and exploded on the river boulders around me, I was bathed in showers of broken stone. I began hopping across the stream bed to escape. What I lacked in grace, nikon, I made up for in speed.

After tumbling over several boulders, I ended up among the exposed roots of a little oak tree. It was quiet, and very dark. Soon, it was impossible to breathe the dust-laden air. I hunkered down inside the bag and waited.

Twenty minutes later, with the aid of a butane lighter, I had located my day pack and flashlight. But no mattress. Then I realized where it was ...

Against the canyon wall was a pile of stone and debris over two feet deep. After rolling away boulders, I was able to retrieve my camp mattress from beneath the rubble.

Later, as I sat on a rock, waiting for the first light which would usher me into the world of chaos I knew would be in the city below, I thought about the idea of purpose in our lives.

It occurred to me that if you're struck by lightning, (or buried in a freak landslide) there's really no one to whom you can complain. Divine intervention just works that way. But in the same way, when you're spared, it shines a bright light on the fact that you're here for some purpose.

As certainly as you're reading this, you too have survived in some way. Many of you have escaped more dramatic situations than what happened to me, many less dramatic. But all of us have survived. The sheer act of drawing our next breath reaffirms it.

We all have a purpose herein this life. What that purpose is, exactly, is the mystery we are here to unravel. This is one of the very greatest gifts our Creator has given us. Megwetch Gitche Manitou. A-ho.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Dvorak of El Cajon has advised me that the new HERITAGE OF THE AMERICAS MUSEUM on the campus of Cuyamaca College in her town is showing the paintings, beadwork, basketry, blankets, and jewelry made by her mother. She neglects to give us her name, but states that she's "... a niece of artist Woody Crumbo." That would make her Potawatomi, and we should all try to get out to the Heritage museum and check out her work. Time and admission fee inquiries should be directed to (619) 670-5194.

In the San Diego area, the Museum of Man: NEW EXHIBIT! "SKELETONS FROM OUR CLOSET" This exhibit promises to fascinate you with "...evidence of genetic, environmental, and cultural influences on skeletons, and mummies; photographs and illustrations; and hands-on learning opportunities." I'll go anywhere for a good mummy. "FACT, FUN, FANTASY; NAVAJO PICTORIAL WEAVINGS FROM THE STEVE AND CLEVES WEBER COLLECTION" "Pictorials" are among the most intriguing of Navajo weavings, featuring scenes of life on the res, replicas of advertising slogans, early vehicles and airplanes, birds, animals, and likeness of the Dine deities, the Yeis. Open now through May 1st, 'ARTISTS MEET ACROSS THE AGES,' based on Elaine A. Moore's work on the cave murals from the Sierra de San Francisco, Baja de California Sur. The murals were left by the ancestors of the Cochimi. Another, opening December 18th, 'WITH HOLES IN THEIR HEADS; ANCIENT PERUVIAN SKULL SURGERY.' This fascinating exhibit reveals the ancient practice of trephination, or opening of skulls for therapeutic or ritual purposes. For information on M of M exhibits, call (619) 239-2001, and remember bring your tribal ID card for free admission!

The Native American Ministry Project holds their NATIVE AMERICAN WORSHIP SERVICES every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Bring a dish to share at the potluck that follows the service. Childcare is provided. For exact details, call Reverend Buddy Monahan (Choctaw/Maricopa) at (310) 670-5076 (office) or (310) 643-5793.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE PROGRAM - Fontana Native American Indian Center every Tuesday evening 6-9 pm and every Saturday 9 am - 12 noon. Instructors are Harold WithHorn (Hunkpapa Lakota), and Roy Wade (Choctaw). NORTHERN PLAINS SONG AND DANCE every Sunday at 2 pm, potluck. SWEAT LODGE Wednesday or Friday 7 pm. The instructor is Orville Little Owl (Mandan/Hunkpapa Lakota), with Robert Jacobo, Taite Honidick, and others assisting. NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL GATHERING every third Sunday, 5 pm, potluck. The instructor is Kenneth Hood, Sr. (Shawnee). The JUNIOR RANGERS, (all youth welcome) meets every other Saturday 9 am - 12 noon. for more info, call (909) 823-6150 or 350-6709.

POW WOW: March 19 & 20: 24th Annual at Cal State Long Beach. PLEASE NOTE: THE COZAD FAMILY DRUM will be the HOST SOUTHERN DRUM. It was the Cozads that gave us such a great pow wow last year in Shawnee, and it's the Cozads that are planning our next. Let's try to make it a big turnout for them. Info: (310) 985-5651. March 18-19: Cal State University San Marcos is holding their 2nd Annual. Info: (619) 752-4288. April 23: SHERMAN INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL is holding their 9th Annual. Info: (909) 276-6339.

And a Few Reminders

Tutoring services are now available in both Orange and Los Angeles Counties - FREE OF CHARGE! Contact tutor coordinator Renee Dusseau, (213) 728-8844.

The Southern California Indian Center has an AMERICAN INDIAN SENIOR CENTER in Garden Grove. Available to those 55 and older, it's a warm and friendly gathering place to make friends, share culture, enjoy a hot meal, and receive supportive services. Call (714) 530-0221 Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for info.

Martial arts instruction is still available to Native American people 18 years or older at no charge! The classes are held at Cal State LA and run from 6-8pm every Thursday night.

The Southern California Indian Center, Inc. is sponsoring a POW WOW DANCE WORKSHOP available to American Indian students (up through 12th grade). Included are traditional and fancy dance styles representing both Northern and Southern tribes. Also included is instruction on regalia design and construction. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles (just north of Dodger Stadium off the Pasadena Freeway). Call (213) 728-8844 for more information.

Are any of you bowling in the AMERICAN INDIAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION? If not, and you want to, call Betty Tsonetokkey at (818) 968-7691 for info.

Call your Southern California Regional Office for specifics on any of the above. Also, please let me know if you attend any of the events or if you use any of the services mentioned here. I want to know your opinions and will pass them along in this column.

And remember, when attending any Native American event, wear your Potawatomi ball cap, tee-shirt, jacket, or button, all available through our tribal store. And get out there into that circle and DANCE. Let's let everyone know how proud we are to be Potawatomi!

Megwetch, Jeremy Bertrand Finch

DALLAS

After what seemed to be a month of dreary, cold days, the sun is shining. And there seems to be the first sighting of spring.

The Dallas Inter-Tribal Center is in the process of adding new board members and one of our Potawatomis, Bob Kenney, has been elected. Bob Kenney is the manager of a contract security agency and is interested in helping the Inter-Tribal Center to provide services to the Indian community. The Inter-Tribal Center needs more funding to help with administration and other costs and Bob would like to see more community involvement. Two Potawatomis were up for election to the board. Kenney was elected, and the other, Billy Blair, is expected to serve on an advisory committee.

The Anderson girls are again winners in the art contest the American Indian Heritage Center of Texas each year for the Indian youth of Texas. Brooke Anderson placed second, Ashley Anderson first place, and Alyssa Anderson placed, for the first time, in third place, each in their age categories. Congratulations are in order to Brooke, Ashley, and Alyssa and also to Ruth Smith and her group for giving the Indian youth the opportunity to participate in this art competition.

Be on the lookout for your invitation to our Regional Meeting and reserve Saturday, April 23, 1994 on your calendar. I have had a request to learn more about some of the words used among the Indians in greeting. If there is something more you would like to learn about our culture and heritage, give me a call and I'll try to include it.

Marjorie Hobdy

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SEATTLE

Bourzho from Washington State!

I hope that by now you have RSVP'd for the Regional Meeting on March 19. I look forward to seeing all of you there. If you haven't received a flyer for some reason — they were mailed the first of February — PLEASE CALL MY OFFICE! I don't want you to miss out on what looks to be a fun time.

We will sign in at Indian Heritage High School, 1330 90th Ave. N. at 10:45 a.m. and the buffet luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Following the presentation by our Business Committee we will have storytelling with Grey Eagle followed by Red Stone drum led by Mack Silverhorn. Esther Lowden will be setting up her Trading Post, always a highlight of any regional meeting I've ever attended! I invite you to bring a dessert for the potluck dessert table (recipe too, please) and if you make craft items bring some along to exhibit (these will not be for sale but instead to promote the setting up of crafts classes in the future). It should be a full day.

While you're marking March 19 on your calendar, flip it over to July and make note of the July 9 picnic at Manchester State Park in Port Orchard, WA. This is where we met last year and it is such a beautiful place we plan to gather there again. In fact, Eric and I hope to pull our new camper over and spend the weekend; feel free to join us in your rig or tent! Philonise Kulani is making the arrangements for us. You'll receive a flyer as the date draws closer.

Now turn to August on your calendar and make a note on August 6, the date of our Southern Idaho picnic in Boise. Nicole Collins is making the arrangements for us to gather there and have a chance to visit and get to know one another over a potluck meal (both picnics are potluck). Times will be announced later but I hope to see you there!

None of these dates should interfere with attendance at the Shawnee, OK PowWow June 24-26. If you get a chance to attend, I guarantee you will have a marvelous time. I always do!

Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Seattle is hosting a series of United Indian Sundays on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 1-5 p.m. There will be games, inter-denominational church services, storytelling, drumming, singing, dancing. Public input is requested so they will know what you want to experience. They request that you ring a potluck lunch. Call 206-285-4425 for more information.

The Department of Chemistry at the University of Washington has developed an outreach program for Native American students titled the NATIVE AMERICAN SCIENCE OUTREACH NETWORK (NASON). Its aim is to increase the participation of Native American students in undergraduate and graduate science, engineering and math programs at the university level and subsequently further their involvement in science-related fields of work. Call Nan Little at 206-685-2327 for information about the 1995 program. If you're interested in learning more about the First Nations in British Columbia, Canada, the B.C. Ministry of Tourism has two new booklets you might find of value. "British Columbia First Nations Guide" offers information on India-related tourist attractions in B.C. as well as background information on who the various tribes are. "Native Cultural Products and Events" lists cultural products and experiences, events and arts and crafts outlets; it is updated annually. Both are free and are available from the Ministry of Tourism, Parliament Buildings, Victoria B.C. V8V1X4.

Don't forget the Northwest Indian Youth Conference PowWow in Seattle April 8-10 at the Seattle Center Arena. We attended last year and had a great time. Lots of dancing, drumming and crafts tables!

I will be attending a Native American Women's Conference in Portland Oregon March 22-25 so if I don't answer the phone please leaves a message and I'll get back to you the following week.

See you at Regional! Susan Campbell

PORTLAND

Bourzho Nicon,

I would like to thank everyone that came to the first ever Pow Wow at Western Oregon College in Monmouth, Oregon. It was held Jan. 29th at the college. These three young Native Americans, along with other helpers from their Multi-Culture Union Club, put on a very successful Pow Wow. Our own Jason Kilby from the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, who is a freshman this year at W.O.S.C. was a very busy guy, from running after change, rounding up more chairs, to making fry bread (his first).

Anita Buitron, a Modoc-Kickapoo, is in her sophomore year at W.S.O.C. and it was her first attempt at a Pow Wow. Anita said she had her doubts if anyone was coming, since the last few days before the Pow Wow no one had called and hardly any vendors had contacted her. She was thrilled when twelve vendors signed up and the dancers started coming from late afternoon on, even as Grand Entry was lining up, they still kept coming ... The head drum from Anita's home town of Klamath Falls came, then another, then another. The MC kept asking for more chairs for another drum and then to please pull your chair into the arena so more guests could be seated. Three times he ask this, and more people came. Jason said he estimated around 500 guests and dancers, and eleven drums.

Naomi Kinney, a Warm Springs Indian, is a junior at W.O.S.C. and has helped with the Pow Wows at Chemeketa C.C. in Salem. Naomi was very instrumental in this Pow Wow's success. She was very encouraging to Jason and Anita and I'm sure next year will be just as big a success. Anita said the phone had been ringing off the hook, with congratulations on their success. I am very proud of them, they are our future ...

Well, the weather here in Oregon is about like March or April. Cold nights but nice, warm, sunny days. The grass is growing and I am spending more time on the machines, trying to keep the greens and tees mowed. The golfers don't seem to know that it is February and golf starts next month...

The Salem Inter-tribal Dance Club is starting their dance lessons and practices again. They will start off with a combined pot luck dinner and practice at South Salem High School Cafeteria, on March 1. All practices will be every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. For more information call "Cookie" at 503-623-8971. If you have questions on arena etiquette or different dances, or if your children would like to learn about dancing, be sure to call or just show up and talk to them. Also if you are closer to the Siletz community, Craig Whitehead and Rena Philbrook will be having dance practice Monday nights at the Community Center in Siletz, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Call Rena at 444-4263 if interested, parent presence is requested.

The Pow Wow 1994 Calendar is out. The book has 100 pages of North American Pow Wows and gatherings. A copy for \$6.95 can be ordered from: The Book Publishing Co. P.O. Box 99, Summertown, TN 38483 ...

Pow Wows coming up:

March 12, 1994 — "Potawatomi" Washington Regional Council Meeting; Seattle, Washington, 1-800-722-8055.

March 26, 1994 — "Early Spring Pow Wow" Polk County Fair Grounds, Rickreal, OR Grand Entry: 6:00 PM. Vote on Election Day for the Candidate of your choice. We now have request for absentee ballots at the office. Call me at 1-800-522-3744.

Megwich,
Rocky

It is better to be silent and considered a fool than speak and remove all doubt.

HOUSTON

Bourzho from Southeast Texas!

Yesterday it snowed for hours! The last time we had snow was in 1989, if memory serves. Beautiful it was, but not lasting down here. The small birds flocked to the feeders, and we had the pleasure of their company until dusk. All in all, an Earth Mother day to remember.

We found it necessary to change the date of our Houston Council Meeting. Spring Creek Park was not made available to us on April 16th, as we thought we had scheduled, and I found nothing to compare to the beauty and the fine facilities there, which would permit the Council Fire as well. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE NEW DATE, MARCH 26TH, 1994, and mark your calendars accordingly. Plan to come, we will have a great Council meeting, because of your presence there.

Plans for the Indian Health Services Center continue to progress. During the weekend of April 7-8-9, there will be a Pow Wow at the University of Houston campus, in conjunction with the Frontier Fiesta celebrations. It will be specifically geared to the Indian Health Services Center, and will offer much information regarding what is now available. If you can attend this Pow Wow, it will be worth your time to do so.

The March Intertribal Pow Wow is on the 12th (second Saturday) and will be held at the Salvation Army Gym at 223 S. Shaver, in Pasadena, Texas. Bring a covered dish at 5:30 p.m. and join in the dinner and dancing to follow. Competition starts at 7:45 p.m. Head Singer for the Gourd Dancing will be Obrey Alec, and the Head Gourd Dancer is Bob Barr. Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Dale Adams. Head Man Dancer is Tom Hardin, Head Lady Dancer is Deanna Bates. Head Singer for the Grand Entry and Intertribal Dancing is Mark Langley. The Arena Director will be Ron Bently and the Head Judge is Barry Kerr. See you out there!

The Annual Intertribal Council of Houston Championship Pow Wow will be held at Traders Village on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 1994. For more information about this event, call me, or call I.T.C.H. at (713) 464-1164.

Has anyone completed a lacrosse stick yet? I hope to see several at the March 26th Council. Would like to form a team, and challenge the Intertribal men to a series of games? We women can fry up some bread, and play a few games of our own. Would your children, or grandchildren, like to learn some Potawatomi games?

The raccoons are so fat they wobble when they walk, but all the animals continue to look healthy and share willingly with one another.

One recent evening, there were raccoons, rabbits, deer, an old possum and the fox, all feeding at the same time in a ten by ten foot area. We humans could learn something from that.

Hear our prayer, Grandfather,
That we stay well, and live long,
That we love each other and help when and where we can,
That our daily living is prosperous and full of joy,
That we respect the Earth our Mother and keep our feet
On the path we have chosen to follow.

Lu Ellis

MERCED

Bourzho My Friends,

In preparation for the Tribal Meeting, everything is moving faster than I can keep up with. Everything is in place at this time with our first three days out on invitations having 163 RSVP's. We look forward to even more than we had last year with the weather showing good signs.

To all our brothers and sisters in the Los Angeles earthquake area we send our blessings, and wishes for a speedy recovery. If we can be of help to anyone, please call the Northern California Office or let Jeremy know, to see if we can provide any assistance to those affected.

Our meeting at Lake Yosemite, March 5, 1994, has again brought the local tribes members wanting to attend. We have invited the leadership to be our guests at the meeting. Also, the local paper intends to cover the meeting as they did last year.

We are still getting requests for scholarship applications as well as enrollment forms. I've noticed some items not getting out through the mail and if you haven't received the items asked for, please call again. I got several back after checking with the post office and they were in the dead letter file in another city. I've mailed those items again.

Again, I would ask anyone who has photos, history items or current events affecting tribal members, please send them to the office for our scrapbook for the Region. If anyone has need of speakers on Native American subjects, I have several people who have volunteered in different areas of Northern California. I would also like a list of upcoming graduates, from the 8th grade, high school and college or universities for our files. If you know of anyone, please drop a card in the mail with name, address, age and type of graduation. Also, any Elders' birthdays would be appreciated. We need to acknowledge our Elders and our young for the many accomplishments.

I thank those who are helping with the meeting and in the preparation for the meeting and look forward to seeing all who attend. Remember, for any special needs, please give me a call.

*Megwich,
Gary Bibb*

KANSAS CITY

Bouzho,

So far this winter here in Kansas City hasn't been that bad as far as a lot of ice and snow, at least not like it was last winter. We are all looking forward to spring, but with the spring comes the possibility of tornados! I guess I for one will never get used to the Midwest weather, even though I've been here most of my life.

We got the opportunity to perform in a gourd dance demonstration with fellow gourd dancers at the Whiteman Air Force base in Knob Knoster, Missouri in January. We certainly had an enjoyable time.

I've received a lot of phone calls for requests for health aid applications and scholarships. For those of you who plan to attend the Shawnee Pow Wow this year, which is the last weekend of June, I have a list of motels in the Shawnee area. It's a good idea to make your reservations early. It seems more and more people are traveling to Shawnee for the Pow Wow, so be sure to get them in so you will have a place to stay. Give me a call and I'll give you the names and phone numbers of these motels.

The Midwest regional council meeting will be Saturday, May 14, this year. As always there is no charge for attending, but I do need for you to let me know how many adults and children will be attending for a head count to give to the caterer. I would like to do the potluck dessert table again. It seems everyone liked that! Invitations will be mailed out around the first of May. Please make sure you have a change of address in if you have moved. It is very costly for the tribe with all the returned mail and HowNiKans.

Megwich, Maryann Frank

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

N. California.....	March 5, 1994
Washington	March 19, 1994
Texas (Houston)	March 26, 1994
Texas (Dallas)	April 23, 1994
Kansas City.....	May 14, 1994

State News

Native American language classes offered at OU

Students enrolled in Native American languages classes at the University of Oklahoma are participating in coursework that places OU in the forefront of native language studies in the nation's universities.

Approximately 110 students were enrolled during the fall 1993 semester in the five Native American languages OU offered for college credit, according to Morris Foster, assistant professor of anthropology. And, the department anticipates adding other languages as native-speaking teachers become available.

Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek/Seminole, Kiowa and Comanche were offered this fall to fill the basic foreign language requirement of the university's core curriculum. Level III Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek/Seminole, Comanche and Kiowa were offered to fulfill the requirement of the College of Arts and Sciences for proficiency at an intermediate level.

OU offers more Native American languages for college credit than any other university because of the resources provided by the state's 36 recognized tribes, Foster says. Other colleges and universities offer only the languages of their areas, such as Hopi and Navajo in the Southwest and Athapaskan and Inuit in Alaska.

OU's Native American language classes are offered in the anthropology department because of the department's linguistics programs, Foster says.

"The OU Department of Anthropology is one of the oldest anthropology departments west of the Mississippi," Foster says. "It was established early in the university's history and has been involved with native peoples for a long time. This department is one of a few in the country that specializes in the area of native peoples, so it attracts graduate students in this area."

Graduate students and other anthropologists work with the native speakers to teach the native American language classes. The course material is evolving as students and teachers work together in identifying resources, Foster says. Anthropologists, he notes, know linguistic techniques — phonetics, grammar and morphology — that apply to any language.

The literature component of the language courses exists in written form or in traditional story-telling form, Foster explains. OU's Western History collections supplies texts in Cherokee for the advanced Cherokee classes and archival tapes of other languages. Graduate teaching assistant Pam Innes uses the story-telling ability of

Linda Alexander for her Creek III classes.

"As we perfect our courses, we plan to develop Native American language courses as independent study courses and then curricular study courses," Foster says. "We are still experimenting."

Fruits of the experiments were shared at the Native American Sovereignty Symposium in Tulsa in May. The OU anthropology department offered graduate credit for a presentation and discussion about implementing Native American language instruction in the public schools. Some 100 participants from all state tribes attended.

The language speakers for OU courses are recruited through tribal councils, with central Oklahoma residents sought for logistical reasons.

Polly Reed commutes from the Tahlequah area. Other native speakers are George Pumpkin, Cherokee; Terry Battiest, Henry Willis and Buster Jefferson, all Choctaw; Albert Nahquaddy, Comanche; and Linda Alexander, Creek.

Kiowa speaker Gus Palmer Jr., Norman, doubles as native speaker and instructor. Palmer is an adjunct professor of anthropology who has a master's degree in education and undergraduate work in English literature. He is employed as a training specialist at the Indian Education Technical Assistance Center V and works in the two-state region of Texas and Oklahoma.

"I grew up with Kiowa-speaking grandparents but English-language schooling," Palmer says. "English always was part of what I had to do and be. I am in a unique position to assist with native languages."

Palmer works with 96-year-old Parker McKenzie, who lives on his family's original allotment in Mountain View. McKenzie wrote the text of Kiowa grammar and orthography that Palmer uses in his class. The University of Colorado gave McKenzie an honorary doctorate of letters for his scholarship in preserving his language.

"Approximately half of my Kiowa III class is part Kiowa," Palmer says. "The students have enjoyed the language and become fascinated with the way it relates to myths. Tribal elders have come to my class and been thrilled by what they saw. They did not know that this language opportunity was available at the university."

OU's Native American language program began in the fall of 1991 under the aegis of the OU anthropology department and the OU College of Continuing Education. The courses are offered on a self-supporting basis with tuition supporting the

instructors.

Impetus for the program was provided by a grant of \$40,000 from the State Historical Society for a Native American Language Preservation Project. State Rep. John Bryant of Tulsa sponsored the legislation that provided for the establishment of a Native American laboratory at OU. The Native American Language Laboratory is named for Morris E. Opler of Norman, professor emeritus of anthropology.

The language preservation grant also provided for a researcher's salary. Alice Anderton was hired to preserve Comanche, Ponca and Caddo, which are in danger of disappearing. Anderton is working on dictionaries of Ponca, Caddo and Comanche, and is recording the spoken languages and stories that might otherwise be lost.

Anderton helped the Caddos start a language class in Binger.

Clinical services now available

(From *Bishinik*, Choctaw Nation, January 1994) — The Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority expected to be able to offer clinical services to Native Americans in the Poteau area February 1, 1994.

A temporary structure was leased and moved to the Poteau clinic site in January so that health services can be offered during the construction time of the permanent facility.

Completion of the clinic is targeted for early summer.

Chief Roberts and the Tribal Council, realizing the urgent need for health care in the North LeFlore County searched for options to offer services as soon as possible.

By moving in a preconstructed building, and employing a medical staff, the Choctaw Nation can start accepting doctor's appointments for Choctaws and other Native Americans in Poteau and surrounding areas.

Assistance offered

Bob Gann, chairman of Tribal Government Institute, (TGI) of Norman, Oklahoma, announced that TGI has successfully assisted their Native American business clients to obtain nearly \$425,000 in federal contracts during the first quarter of the year.

Gann stated that TGI assists Indian owned businesses to market their goods or services to the Federal government.

Any Indian owned firm interested in obtaining more information about the TGI PTA program is urged to call (405) 329-5542, or come by the office which is located at 111 N. Peters, Suite 202, in Norman, Oklahoma.

Seminole Nation cemetery found

(From *Cokv Tvl Vme*, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, December 1993) — "This could be the oldest tribal cemetery in the Seminole Nation," says Ted Underwood about his recent find. "Some say it was here years before statehood, maybe around the 1800's."

Searching and pinpointing the locations of Seminole burial grounds is a difficult task. This is especially true when working with very little information. But according to Ted Underwood and Tom Ahaise, the results are rewarding.

Ahaise and Underwood, along with Jack Larney and Steve Flouh, set out to locate the A Hv Rvl Kvlke Cemetery in November. Their search began in the far northeastern section of the Seminole Nation. Larney, a resident of the area, became familiar with the old cemetery while attending family funerals. Under his directions the men located the site without difficulty.

"It (A Hv Rvl Kvlke Cemetery) could consist of more than 100 graves," Underwood said. "We're concerned that the site could be disturbed at some point."

The cemetery title, "A Hv Rvl Kvlke," is a Muscogee word meaning Sweet Potato. According to Yvonne Holata, Muscogee language teacher and translator, the word identifies a Seminole clan.

As they entered the area, they found sections of cleared timber. It was evident heavy equipment had recently cleared the area possibly destroying many of the graves.

"It's possible the tribe can declare it as a historical location," says Underwood. "But we need to act soon, before the sites are forgotten or lost."

The original project Underwood and Ahaise began working with was the "The Seminole Indian Project." Now the special project is part of NAGRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) passed by Congress in November '93. The project calls for locating and recording Seminole burial sites and family cemeteries.

Oklahoma western artist Harold T. Holden completes monument 'Keeper of The Plains'

Oklahoma Contemporary Western Artist Harold T. Holden of Kremlin, Oklahoma, has completed work on his fifth life-size monument in bronze, entitled "Keeper of The Plains."

Holden is the creator of the monument "Boomer" and the 1993 U.S. postal stamp commemorating The Cherokee Strip. Holden's newest sculpture depicts a solitary Indian figure holding a Peace Pipe and an Eagle Feather Fan. Underwritten by Security National Bank of Enid, the piece will be unveiled on April 16 in Enid, Oklahoma. Proceeds from the sale of 94 tabletop replicas will be applied to the cost of the sculpture with the balance of the proceeds going

to The "Keeper of The Plains Scholarship Fund" for qualified Native American youths in need of financial assistance for higher education. For additional information contact Mr. Bob Emery at P.O. Box 1272, Enid, Oklahoma, 73702. (405-234-5151).

In conjunction with the unveiling of the "Keeper Of The Plains" Indian monument in Enid, the weekend of April 15, 16 and 17, an art show will be held at Convention Hall in Enid for Native American arts and crafts to be shown and sold. Limited booth space will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please call 405-237-2492 to receive your packet of information and entry form.

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National News

Council to provide leadership for building national museum

Prominent individuals from eight states and the District of Columbia have been appointed to the 26-member International Founders Council of the National Campaign of the National Museum of the American Indian. The council, which includes Indian and non-Indian members, is providing leadership for the National Campaign to build the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Robert McC. Adams, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and Gene A. Keluche (Wintun), Scottsdale, Ariz., founder of International Conference Resorts, serve as co-chairs of the International Founders Council.

Other members of the council are Ann Simmons Alspaugh, Oklahoma City and Aspen, Colo.; Barbara H. Block, New York City; James A. Block, New York City; Barbara B. Conable Jr., Alexander, N.Y.; Charles M. Diker, New York City and Santa Fe, N.M.; Valerie Tishmen Diker,

New York City and Santa Fe, N.M.; Joan C. Donner, Colorado Springs, Colo.; John L. Ernst, New York City; Margot Paul Ernst, New York City; Jane Fonda, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Montana; George Gund, San Francisco; Brian C. McK. Henderson, New York City; Loretta E. Kaufman, Nassau County, N.Y.; Victor A. Kaufman, Nassau County, N.Y.; Jean R. Knox, Western New York; Gerald M. Levin, New York City; Ivan Makil (Pima), Scottsdale, Ariz.; Nancy Fields O'Connor (Shawnee/Crow), New York City and Los Angeles; Lewis S. Ranieri, New York City; David Rockefeller, Westchester County, N.Y.; Eugene Victor Thaw, Santa Fe, N.M.; R.E. (Ted) Turner, Atlanta and Montana; Peterson Zah (Navajo), Window Rock, Ariz.; Rosalind Begay Zah (Navajo), Window Rock, Ariz.

Created in 1989 by an act of Congress, the National Museum of the American Indian is the first national institution devoted

exclusively to the lives and cultures of the Native Peoples of the Western Hemisphere. The Heye Center of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will open in New York City on Oct. 30, 1994. The National Museum of the American Indian will also be constructed later this decade in Washington, D.C.

The legislation that established the museum mandated that the Smithsonian raise one-third of the construction cost of the museum's National Mall facility from non-federal sources. The National Campaign of the National Museum of the American Indian has adopted a fund-raising goal of \$60 million, to include funds that will constitute the Smithsonian's one-third share of the construction costs as well as provide support for the museum's outreach and educational programs.

Members of the International Founders Council actively participate in all aspects of the

National Campaign. Members of the council have solicited contributions to the museum from foundations, approached corporations for gifts, initiated ongoing corporate programs that benefit the National Campaign, and planned and carried out an array of fund-raising events across the country. National campaign Director John L. Colonghi (Eskimo/Aleut) says, "I am

repeatedly astounded by the dedication of the individuals in this prestigious group. In all that they do, members of the IFC are extremely generous in the contribution of their resources and time, and unwavering in their enthusiasm."

For more information on how to support the National Museum of the American Indian, call 1-800-242-NMAI.

Plans being made to downsize BIA

(From *Indian News*, newsletter of Dept. of the Interior, Dec. 3, 1993) — The vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has asked the assistant secretary for Indian affairs to formalize plans for the committee on the downsizing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as a result of the continued interest and participation of Indian tribes in the Self-Governance Demonstration Project.

Arizona Republican John McCain said that with increased participation in the demonstration project, it should be obvious that the BIA would need fewer personnel and that plans must be formalized as to how that would be done. He asked that a report be submitted to the Committee formalizing the downsizing plans.

William Lavell, director of the Office of Self-Governance at BIA, read Assistant Secretary Ada E. Deer's formal statement into the Committee record. Deer was in Albuquerque, New Mexico participating in her first meeting of the BIA area directors.

In her statement, Deer said things would work better as tribal sovereignty is enhanced with tribal governments assuming greater control over the use of Federal resources. She said programs can now be designed and delivered by tribal governments with the ultimate customers clear in mind — individual Indians living on various reservations throughout the country or in Alaska villages.

"As tribal governments assume more responsibility for managing their share of the Federal budget, there will be a reduced need for Federal staff. This will assist the BIA in meeting targeted reductions and administrative cost savings," Deer said.

She went on to say that she and Secretary Babbitt wanted to accelerate the trend toward self-governance and at the same time respect the rights of those tribes who choose a different course. "Thus while many tribes are reinventing their relationship with the Federal government, other tribes have chosen to maintain their current relation-

Portion of gaming law voided by judge

(From *News From Indian Country*, mid-January 1994)

— A portion of a federal law that allows tribes to establish gambling centers outside their reservation has been voided by a judge.

An Interior Department spokesman said the agency is uncertain about the ramifications of the ruling.

"It seems to raise an awful lot of questions," spokesman Bob Walker said.

U.S. District Judge James Burns issued the ruling Dec. 22nd in a lawsuit by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, who want to build a gaming center in Salem, Oregon.

Burns agreed with the tribes' contention that allowing a governor to overrule the Interior Department's approval violated the U.S. Constitution's separation-of-powers principle.

But the judge refused to grant the tribes' request that the gaming center proceed. Burns said the governor's veto could not be removed from the procedure without thwarting the intent of Congress that the state's interest be paramount.

As a result, he voided the entire provision that allows tribes to acquire land outside their reservation for gambling centers.

Gaming resolution close at hand

(From *News From Indian Country*, late December 1993) — One hurdle is all that remains before the Indian Regulatory Gaming Act receives its first major revision since being enacted by Congress five years ago, Sen. Daniel Inouye said.

"In my view, the parties are close, very very close, to resolution," he said November 29 in a speech to the National Congress of American Indians. "I believe that a breakthrough on the last remaining issue, the scope of Indian gaming, is close at hand."

Inouye, D-Hawaii, who chairs the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, said the governors of states in which tribes are seeking gaming compacts had submitted their proposals and they were being reviewed.

"Once that is resolved, I believe that the whole package will somehow mesh," he said.

Under the 1988 law, tribes in states which permit any form of gambling, including lotteries and parimutuel betting on horse and dog races, may seek to join with the state in a compact that would allow gaming on their reservations.

Some states have permitted tribes to operate only a limited number of slot machines and traditional Indian games, while others have permitted full-scale casinos.

That is the issue that remains to be decided, Inouye said.

"As sovereign governments, tribal governments may certainly qualify to raise money through gambling, just as many states

have lotteries," he said. "They are sovereign, you are sovereign," he added to applause.

"Sovereigns should deal with sovereigns and that's what they're doing."

Inouye told the audience of about 500 delegates that after long being largely ignored, Indian concerns were being heard on Capitol Hill.

"There was a time when Indians thought the only way they could be represented was to have a non-Indian for an attorney," he said.

But in this year's discussions of reservation casinos, he said tribal leaders and Indian attorneys won the administration of state and federal officials.

"They learned more about Indian gaming and Indian country than they ever thought they would," he said.

Less than two decades ago, Inouye said the slow process of mailing correspondence produced mistakes in Congress.

"Washington did not have access to your knowledge, your experience," he said. "Fifteen years ago, Washington was distant. Sincere, but ill-informed people would make decisions that involved your daily lives."

"You have found the ways to make your voices heard. Today, the nation's capital is no longer a distant land. You have become, as you were in the early days of this nation, a force to be reckoned with and, believe me, nobody takes you for granted any more," he said.

Deer said the results of the project to date have been very positive and tribal leaders indicate greatly increased flexibility in directing resources toward tribal priorities and needs. "They describe a much greater level of interest in tribal council sessions, particularly budget sessions where tribal priorities are set," she added.

Remaining issues yet to be worked out to fully implement the Self-Governance Project include (1) Settling on a process to determine tribal shares of the BIA budget; (2) Determining if any changes are needed that would allow the Secretary's trust responsibility to be fulfilled in a more flexible manner and then determining the support necessary to perform these retained trust functions; (3) Creating an efficient process to waive BIA rules and regulations to expedite program redesign; and (4) Developing regulations that will flesh out other parts of the project that require attention.

Deer told the Committee in her statement that she did not have answers to these and other questions but that she fully intended to follow the law that authorizes the project to "look for ways to include, not exclude, funds from all programs, functions or activities that benefit Indian tribes either directly or indirectly into the Self-Governance negotiations."

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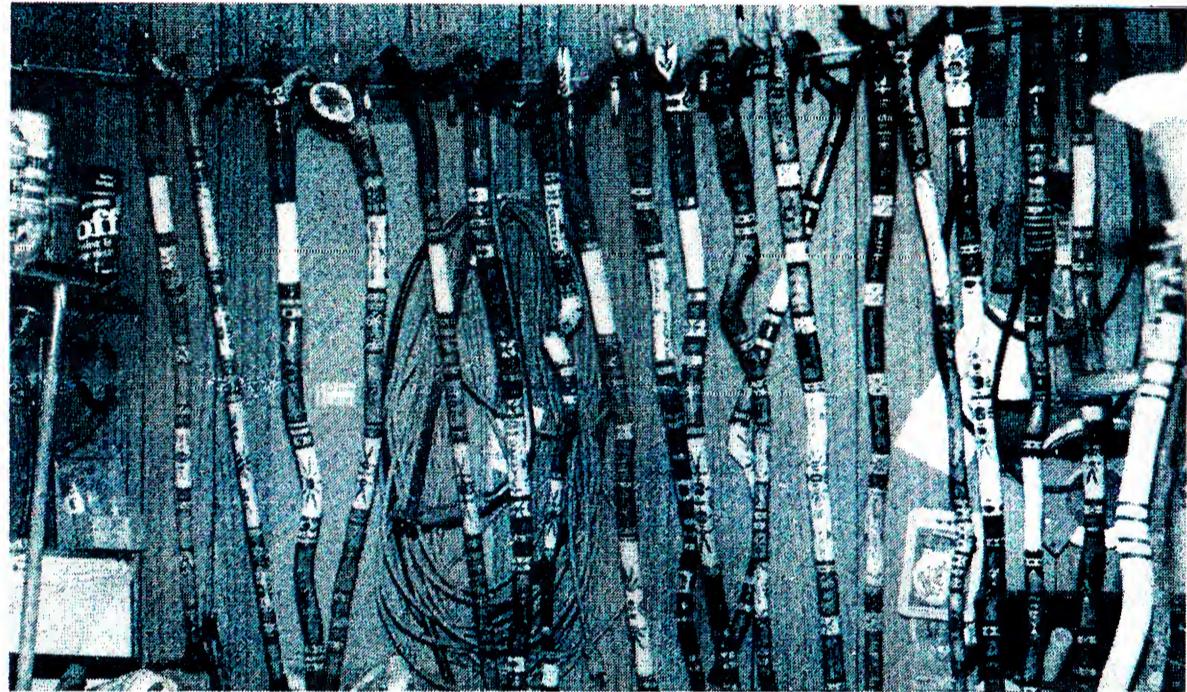
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Walking sticks on display in Red Barnes' garage-workshop

Family comes first with 'home boy' Barnes

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 better known as "Boogie." Chad will graduate from Butner High School this year after an outstanding athletic career. The stick Barnes made for him features his basketball number, #33, and the nickname "Mr. Eagle," in honor of Butner's team name.

Barnes beams with pride when he talks about his family. His daughter Christy, a teacher at Butner, is married to Kenny Dickerson, who is the football

coach at Butner. Both Chad and his younger brother Todd are outstanding basketball players and students. Both boys are enrolled tribal members.

"Sure, we're all on the rolls," said Barnes, a 1949 graduate of Asher High School who ran Red's 66 Service Station in Asher for many years. "My grandmother, Lavina Muller Barnes, got all the grandkids on the rolls. She was a blessed individual." Barnes, a relative of the Bourassa family, has relatives all over the country.

But he calls himself a "home boy," never straying far from

where he was raised. And although he believes he should share his talents as the Bible says, he is modest about those talents to the point that he turned down Ron Stahl's request to interview him for a television story on his walking sticks. Maybe it's because he doesn't want to take too much credit for the wonderful walking sticks.

After all, he makes sure that when he gives away one of his masterpieces, it comes with card that reads: "A gift from God and me. I made the walking stick but He made the tree."



Detail on one of Red Barnes' walking sticks